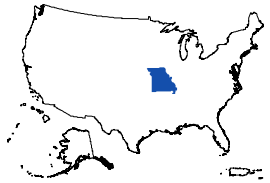


2000 Forestry Incentives Program



Customer Focus—

Steve Whitaker is a good example of a conscientious minded land-owner. Whitaker, who resides in Chaffee in Wright County, owns about 160 acres of land that has been in his family since the 1860s. "In the past, that land has been used for agricultural purposes, row cropping, and then cattle raising," he says. Whitaker took possession of the land in the late 1970s. "About 10 years ago, we began planting trees on the land," Whitaker recalls. Clint Dalbom, servicing forester, says, "Steve has taken an active role in reforesting the land. Everything he's done has been done right, and the management practices have all been successful. He's really been involved in the labor-intensive work. His goal is to eventually reforest all the open land, except for a few acres that will be used as wildlife food plots." Steve has an FY 2000 FIP contract to plant an additional 10 acres this coming year.

Missouri Summary

Overview

Missouri has low yearly numbers because of minimal state Forestry Incentive Program (FIP) allocations. Nevertheless, every dollar is being allocated and spent each year. To maximize FIP dollars in the state, cost share rates are kept low and priority is given to limited resource farmers, applications having tree planting as a component, and applications totaling less than \$1,000.

Accomplishments

FY 2000 showed a continued increase in the number of individuals (contracts) participating over previous years. Twenty-five contracts were serviced during FY 2000, totaling over \$19,000, resulting in the treatment of nearly 500 acres of forest land.

Outlook

Forest ownership in Missouri involves relatively small tracts of land. Forest stand improvement and tree planting on critical sites are important needs on many of these acres. Additional funding would help provide financial incentives to encourage these landowners to implement effective forestry management practices, increasing forest production and improving overall environmental quality.

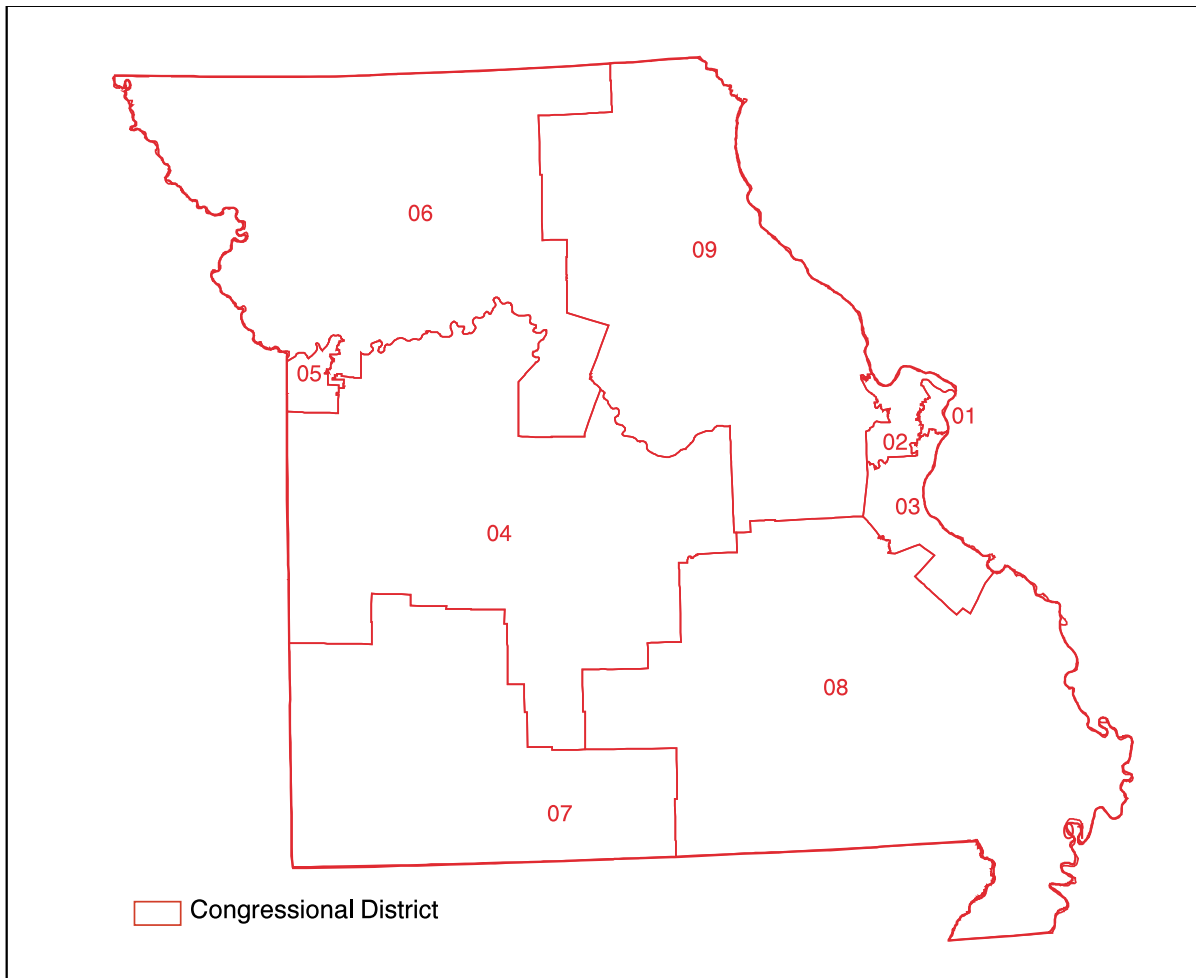
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Clint Dalbom (left), resource forester, discussing management techniques with land-owner Steve Whitaker.

Missouri Congressional Districts



Missouri FIP Dollars and Contracts

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	\$0	0	\$0	0
District 2	0	0	0	0
District 3	0	0	0	0
District 4	0	0	3,165	5
District 5	0	0	0	0
District 6	2,427	3	4,787	8
District 7	3,101	2	9,888	8
District 8	7,612	8	36,278	41
District 9	5,109	7	10,350	20
District 10	0	0	0	0
State Totals	\$18,249	20	\$64,468	82

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